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Action on the Bill

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An Act To Legalize Physician Assisted Suicide

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This Act will revise KRS 216.302, which currently disallows Physician Assisted Suicide. Under this Act, Physician Assisted Suicide will be legalized in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 2: In order to receive a physician assisted suicide, a patient must have a terminal illness, a fact which must be confirmed by two separate doctors. The patient must be of sound mind, with examinations by a psychologist on said patient determining the patient is not suffering from depression, or other mental illnesses which could affect the patient's decision. The patient's request for physician assisted suicide must be confirmed by two witnesses, one of whom is not related to the patient, entitled to any of the patient's estate upon the patient's death, is not the patient's physician, one of the physicians confirming the request for physician assisted suicide, or employed by a healthcare facility caring for the patient.

Section 3: If a patient qualifies for physician assisted suicide, they must wait 15 days prior to the procedure, using this time to set legal affairs needed upon the time of the patient's death in order.

Section 4: Any physician taking part in a physician assisted suicide can not be prosecuted for providing a lethal prescription to qualifying patients. However, any physician providing a lethal prescription to an unwilling, unknowing, and/or a patient not qualified to receive a physician assisted suicide will remain responsible for their illegal actions. Physicians will not be required to administer a physician assisted suicide if they choose not to.

Section 5: The cost of all treatments, psychological examinations, and other expenses associated with physician assisted suicide must be paid for by the patient receiving the suicide.

Section 6: The overseeing of the implication of this law will be delegated to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Section 7: The law will go into effect within 6 months of its being passed.